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IRAN'S OIL RIGS, NUKE SITES COULD FACE RETALIATORY ISRAEL STRIKES

Biden advises against hitting N-sites; 8 IDF men killed in S Lebanon

AGENCIES

ISRAEL is reportedly gearing up to launch a blistering counter-attack to cripple Iran, which fired over 180 ballistic missiles on Tuesday in a major escalation of tensions in West Asia. According to reports in Israeli media, Iran's strategic infrastructure, especially oil rigs, will be targeted. Also on the table are direct attacks on Iran's nuclear sites, said news reports citing Israeli officials.

The development further complicates Israel's multi-front war as the country is advancing its ground offensive against Hezbollah in Lebanon while still mounting attacks in Gaza to keep Hamas militants down.

On Wednesday, Israel said it lost eight soldiers in southern Lebanon during a ground offensive against Hezbollah. In Gaza, Israeli ground and air operations reportedly killed over 50 people.

Meanwhile, Israel's foreign minister said he would bar UN secretary-general Antonio Guterres's entry into his country because of bias.

Earlier in the day, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu convened a crucial meeting with security chiefs at the IDF headquarters in Tel Aviv, his office said. The meeting, held hours before the Rosh Hashanah holiday to mark the Jewish New Year, is learnt to



People climb on the debris of an Iranian missile intercepted by Israel, near Arad, southern Israel (AP)

Avoid all non-essential travel to Iran: MEA

In the wake of the escalating tensions, India on Wednesday advised its citizens to avoid all non-essential travel to Iran. The Ministry of External Affairs also urged the Indian nationals presently residing in Iran to remain vigilant and stay in contact with the Indian Embassy in Tehran

have discussed and decided Israel's response to Iran's attack.

Former Israeli PM Naftali Bennett also called for a strike on Iran's nuclear infrastructure and energy facilities. "We have the justification. We have the tools," he wrote on X.

US news site Axios reported

that Israel has plans to take out Iran's air defence systems and also set off targeted assassinations.

An attack on Iranian oil facilities could push back the country's economy by years, while destroying the air defence systems would make it more vulnerable. Political assassinations, if carried out, might set the stage for a regime change in Iran.

If Iran's nuclear facilities are hit, experts fear it will push the conflict to a no-return point.

On Wednesday, US President Joe Biden said he will not support an Israeli attack on sites related to Tehran's nuclear programme. "The answer is no," he said when asked if he would support such retaliation. **PT**

Over-the-counter sale ban on morning-after pill soon

SINDUJA JANE @ Chennai

THE Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) is likely to recommend a ban on the over-the-counter (OTC) sale of all hormonal contraceptive drugs, including oral emergency contraceptive pills (ECP).

An expert sub-committee formed by CDSCO is all set to recommend that the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules of 1945 be suitably amended to make them prescription-only drugs. This newspaper has learnt that the panel will soon submit a report.

At present, under the National Reproductive and Child Health Programme, the Drug

Controller General of India (DGCI) allows the sale of 0.75 mg tablets of Levonorgestrel without prescription as an emergency contraceptive, ECPs, better known as the morning-after pill, were introduced in India in 2002 and can prevent a pregnancy if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex.

Experts say the availability of the drug OTC help prevent unwanted pregnancies and avert abortions. However, in Tamil Nadu, and other parts of India, ECPs are notoriously difficult to access at pharmacies.

Other hormonal contraceptives available OTC include the Combined Oral Contraceptive (containing estrogen and progestin, it is taken daily) and the Progestin Only Pill (also taken daily).

Interestingly, the six-member expert sub-committee was formed after the Tamil Nadu

government proposed a ban on the OTC sale of hormonal contraceptives citing "its irrational usage" at the 62nd Drugs Consultative Committee meeting held in September 2023. The sub-committee's mandate was to study the issue and make a

Two ex-IAF pilots among 3 dead in chopper crash

Two former IAF pilots and an engineer were killed after a helicopter crashed and caught fire near Pune city on Wednesday. The chopper took off from a golf course near Pune and was headed to Juhu when it crashed. Primary information pointed to fog as the cause of the accident. A detailed probe is underway, police said. The Agusta 109 helicopter belonged to Delhi-based Heritage Aviation. At the time of the crash, it was on hire by the Nationalist Congress Party



EX PRESS CLUSIVE

MUDA case: Snehamayi to appear before ED today

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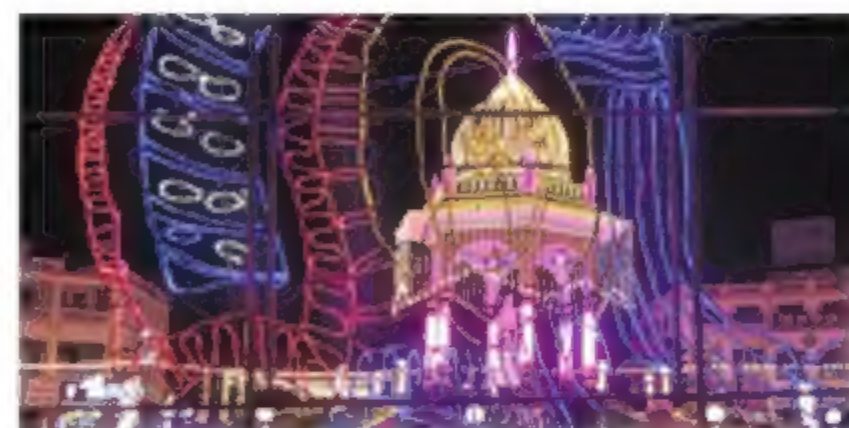
THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued summons to RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna, who has filed a complaint against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah over irregularities in allotment of sites by the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA), to appear before it on Thursday.

Confirming this, Krishna told TNIE that the ED has summoned him for an inquiry at its Bengaluru office. "I will go there with all documents and records in connection with the

investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002," he said.

Meanwhile, the Third Additional Civil and JMFC Court here has issued a non-bailable warrant against Krishna for failing to appear before it in a cheque bounce case. The case was filed against him on June 30, 2015, by one Kumar.

Krishna could not attend the court hearing on Tuesday as he had to appear before the Mysuru Lokayukta Police officers, who are probing the MUDA case against Siddaramaiah and other accused. "I will attend the next court hearing," he said.



DASARA BEGINS

Mysuru has been decked up for the ten-day Dasara festivities, which will be inaugurated by writer Ham Pa Nagarajaiah, atop Chamundi Hills on Thursday | **UDAYASHANKAR S | P4**

EXPRESS READ

Delhi police seize drugs worth Rs 5,800 crore

New Delhi: The Special Cell of the Delhi police busted an international drug cartel and seized contraband worth Rs 5,820 crore in what is billed as the biggest haul in the national capital. Over 560 kg of cocaine and 40 kg of hydroponic marijuana were seized. While the kingpin of the cartel is said to be in Dubai, the police have arrested four local players | **P10**

Extravagant Spectacle of Tradition & Culture Nada Habba Mysuru Dasara



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Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister



Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

Inauguration by offering pooja to
Nada Devathe Sri Chamundeshwari Devi

Date: 03.10.2024

Time: From 9.15 AM to within 9.45 AM.

Venue: Chamundi Hills, Mysuru.

Inauguration by
Nadoja Dr. Hampa Nagarajaiah
Eminent Senior Litterateur

“By the divine grace of Nada Devathe Chamundeshwari, mother nature has been benevolent with abundant rains, filling up our dams, leading to bountiful crops. Dasara celebrations have increased manifold with glorious amalgamation of culture and tradition. I wish that the people of Karnataka take this opportunity to enjoy the experience of the grand festivities.”

- Siddaramaiah, Chief Minister

Come,
together let us celebrate
our Nada Habba Dasara



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